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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MFM
SUBJECT: MFM WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES

REF: MEXICO 6701

1. PLEASE INFORM GONZALEZ GALVEZ THAT WE APPRECIATE HAVING RECEIVED MEXICO'S VIEWS REGARDING OUR AIDE MEMOIRE AND THAT WE ARE ALSO PLEASED THAT MEXICO WILL BE SENDING A STRONG DELEGATION TO THE WASHINGTON MEETING.

2. ALSO INFORM HIM WE ARE PLEASED THAT WE SEE EYE TO EYE ON THE NEED FOR PREPARATORY WORK BEFORE JANUARY. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO INCLUDE AS PART OF THESE PREPARATIONS SEVERAL SESSIONS DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE OPERATIONS OF TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. IT APPEARS TO US THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS NEED NOT SIMPLY DUPLICATE THE WORK WHICH HAS BEEN DONE IN THE UNECOSOC. WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT THERE ARE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF TRANSNATIONAL OPERATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA, AS THEY RELATE TO DEVELOPMENT, TO TRADE RELATIONS, AND TO OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS WHICH CAN USEFULLY
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BE CONSIDERED BY THE WORKING GROUP AS BACKGROUND FOR ITS

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EFFORT TO DRAFT PRINCIPLES. ONE OF THE PREMISES OF THE CURRENT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA IS THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL CHARACTER TO REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH MAKES IT ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO DISCUSS GLOBAL ISSUES

IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT.

3. WE ALSO SEE SOME BENEFIT FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ONE ANOTHER AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OUTSIDE EXPERTS BEFORE TACKLING THE DIFFICULT TASK OF NEGOTIATING A DOCUMENT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE GOM COULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO HAVE SOME DRAFTING SESSIONS BEFORE JANUARY; BUT WE BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE THAT SOME OTHER DELEGATIONS MAY OPPOSE ANY DRAFTING BEFORE JANUARY. AT THE LEAST WE HOPE THE MEXICAN DELEGATION'S INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT FORECLOSE THE POS-SIBILITY OF THE ROUND-TABLES OR SPECIAL SESSIONS. KISSINGER

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